

Attorney's Docket No. 029430-503**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of)	
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Takahiro FUJIYAMA et al.)	Group Art Unit: Unassigned
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Application No.: New U.S. National Phase)	Examiner: Unassigned
Application)	
of PCT/JP01/04491, filed)	
May 29, 2001)	
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Filed: January 25, 2002)	
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For: OPTICAL MATERIALS AND)	
OPTICAL PARTS MAKING USE OF)	
AROMATIC SULFIDE)	
COMPOUNDS, AND AROMATIC)	
SULFIDE COMPOUNDS)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (Amended) An optical material according to claim 1, which is a polymer optical fiber material.

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REMARKS

By the present Preliminary Amendment, all multiple dependency has been eliminated from the original claims by the amendment to claim 18. It is to be understood that the revisions to the claims are solely for formalistic purposes and not with regard to patentability and that applicants reserve the right to pursue claims directed to other aspects of the invention encompassed by the original multiple dependent claims or described in the specification.

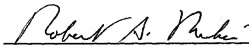
Entry of the instant Preliminary Amendment and favorable consideration on the merits are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked-up Claim 18

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is a polymer optical fiber material

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